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VEB Elektrochemisches Kombinat BitterfeldPLACE
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The following chart lists Elektrochemisches-Kombinat Bitterfeld (EKB) production
 and export of Igelit-PCU powder from 1 January to 31 October 1952; all
 amounts are given in metric tons:

Production

Amount on hand as of 1 January 1952	1,427
Production, 1 January - 31 October 1952	28,926
As an SAG (1 January to 10 May 1952)	25,238
As a VEB (10 May to 31 October 1952)	3,688

Home Consumption

Chemistry, Stones and Earths	1,415
Machine Construction	572
Light Industry	1,640
SAG's	13,214
Saxony-Anhalt	80
Thuringia	196
Saxony	488
Berlin	190
Others	810
TOTAL	18,605

Export

Bulgaria	-
Hungary	520
Poland	100
USSR	6,290
Czechoslovakia	2,000
Austria	70
England	117
Holland	50
Denmark	121
West Germany	-
Switzerland	212
Sweden	20
TOTAL	9,520

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Comment. PCU powder is a synthetic substance commonly used for the manufacture of tablecloths, rain coats, shoes and similar items. Its brand name is Igelit. Almost all East German production of this plastic takes place at EKB. Igelit is produced by the application of a softener, tri-cresylic phosphate, to polyvinyl chloride. The polyvinyl chloride comes from Bunawerke Schkopau.

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